

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

(Caption of Case)

**Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
for Approval of GCRM-125****BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA****COVER SHEET****DOCKET****NUMBER: 2006 - 401 - G**

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INDUSTRY (Check one)	NATURE OF ACTION (Check all that apply)		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer	<input type="checkbox"/> Complaint	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Intervene	<input type="checkbox"/> Return to Petition
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## Moore & Van Allen

December 15, 2008

### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Charles Terreni  
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Re: GCRM-125, Docket No. 2006-401-G

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On behalf of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont"), I have enclosed various schedules constituting Piedmont's GCRM-125.

The rate changes reflected in this filing, as shown on the attached schedules, are necessary to update Piedmont's rates to reflect changes in Piedmont's wholesale costs of gas. Wholesale futures contract prices for natural gas deliveries for the remainder of 2008, as reflected on the New York Mercantile Exchange, are currently at levels well below the \$8.75 commodity cost of gas reflected in Piedmont's rates. Based on this differential, Piedmont is at substantial risk of a serious overcollection of its wholesale gas costs in the near future if the benchmark cost of gas reflected in its rates is not decreased to \$7.75 per dekatherm as proposed herein. The relief requested herein will avoid such overcollection and will also ensure that the wholesale gas costs reflected in Piedmont's rates are reasonably consistent with the prevailing market price for natural gas, thereby avoiding the creation of artificial market signals/incentives to parties who utilize this commodity for fuel or process purposes. The rate changes proposed herein are a decrease of \$0.10216/therm for sales rate schedules (201, 202, 221, 232, 242, 252, 262, 203 and 204) and a decrease of \$0.00216/therm for transportation rate schedules (213 and 214). Piedmont hereby requests approval of this GCRM filing in time to implement these rate changes effective with the first billing cycle in January, 2009.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

Moore & Van Allen, PLLC

s/ Scott M. Tyler

Scott M. Tyler

Enclosures

c: Mr. David Carpenter  
Ms. Pia Powers  
Mr. Jim Jeffries  
Office of Regulatory Staff (via email and 5 copies via overnight delivery)

Research Triangle, NC  
Charleston, SC

# **RATES AND CHARGES**

**SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES**

**Residential**

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**Residential Service - Value Rate 201**

Monthly Charge -		Rate Per Therm -	
November - March	\$ 10.00	November - March	\$ 1.21828
April - October	\$ 8.00	April - October	\$ 1.17146

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**Residential Service - Standard Rate 221**

Monthly Charge -		Rate Per Therm -	
November - March	\$ 10.00	November - March	\$ 1.44485
April - October	\$ 8.00	April - October	\$ 1.45504

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**Outdoor Gaslight Service - Rate 205**

Monthly Charge -	\$ 15.00
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## SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES

## Commercial

**Small General Service - Standard Rate 202**

Monthly Charge -	\$ 22.00	Rate Per Therm -	
		November - March	\$ 1.34919
		April - October	\$ 1.30886

**Small General Service - Value Rate 232**

Monthly Charge -	\$ 22.00	Rate Per Therm -		
		November - March	First 2,000	\$ 1.27973
			Over 2,000	\$ 1.24580
		April - October	First 2,000	\$ 1.17123
			Over 2,000	\$ 1.14020

**Medium General Service - Standard Rate 252**

Monthly Charge -	\$ 75.00	Rate Per Therm -	
		November - March	\$ 1.32138
		April - October	\$ 1.26929

**Medium General Service - Value Rate 262**

Monthly Charge -	\$ 75.00	Rate Per Therm -		
		November - March	First 5,000	\$ 1.24079
			Over 5,000	\$ 1.20240
		April - October	First 5,000	\$ 1.13651
			Over 5,000	\$ 1.10853

**Small General Service - Motor Fuel Rate 242**

Monthly Charge -	\$ 22.00	Rate Per Therm -	
		November - March	\$ 1.05155
		April - October	\$ 1.06613

## SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES

## Industrial

Large General Sales Service - Rate 203

Monthly Charge -		\$	250.00		
Demand Charge (monthly per peak day therm usage) -		\$	1.90000		
Rate Per Therm -					
	<u>November - March</u>			<u>April - October</u>	
	First 15,000 \$	1.08172		First 15,000 \$	0.97852
	Next 15,000 \$	1.00761		Next 15,000 \$	0.93004
	Next 75,000 \$	0.97112		Next 75,000 \$	0.94536
	Next 165,000 \$	0.87563		Next 165,000 \$	0.85706
	Next 330,000 \$	0.82031		Next 330,000 \$	0.81531
	Over 600,000 \$	0.79174		Over 600,000 \$	0.79174

Interruptible Sales Service - Rate 204

Monthly Charge -		\$	250.00		
Rate Per Therm -					
	<u>November - March</u>			<u>April - October</u>	
	First 15,000 \$	1.17450		First 15,000 \$	0.99612
	Next 15,000 \$	1.10404		Next 15,000 \$	0.94702
	Next 75,000 \$	1.05511		Next 75,000 \$	0.92041
	Next 165,000 \$	1.08393		Next 165,000 \$	0.88973
	Next 330,000 \$	0.91875		Next 330,000 \$	0.83031
	Over 600,000 \$	0.83174		Over 600,000 \$	0.80174

Large General Transportation Service - Rate 213

Monthly Charge -		\$	250.00		
Demand Charge (monthly per peak day therm usage) -		\$	0.60000		
Standby Sales Service Charge (monthly per peak day therm usage) -		\$	1.30000		
Rate Per Therm -					
	<u>November - March</u>			<u>April - October</u>	
	First 15,000 \$	0.26065		First 15,000 \$	0.19190
	Next 15,000 \$	0.19322		Next 15,000 \$	0.14299
	Next 75,000 \$	0.14679		Next 75,000 \$	0.11804
	Next 165,000 \$	0.10063		Next 165,000 \$	0.07930
	Next 330,000 \$	0.04531		Next 330,000 \$	0.04031
	Over 600,000 \$	0.01674		Over 600,000 \$	0.01674

Interruptible Transportation Service - Rate 214

Monthly Charge -		\$	250.00		
Rate Per Therm -					
	<u>November - March</u>			<u>April - October</u>	
	First 15,000 \$	0.25939		First 15,000 \$	0.19020
	Next 15,000 \$	0.19175		Next 15,000 \$	0.13999
	Next 75,000 \$	0.14251		Next 75,000 \$	0.10846
	Next 165,000 \$	0.09378		Next 165,000 \$	0.07692
	Next 330,000 \$	0.04643		Next 330,000 \$	0.06066
	Over 600,000 \$	0.01674		Over 600,000 \$	0.01674

**SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES**

**Miscellaneous Fees And Charges**

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**Schedule For Limiting And Curtailing Service - Rate 206**

Emergency Service Rate Per Therm	\$ 1.00	In addition to commodity prices as defined in Rate Schedule 206, Rate For Emergency Service.
Unauthorized Over Run Penalty Per Therm	\$ 2.50	In addition to commodity prices as defined in Rate Schedule 206, Rate For Emergency Service.

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**Reconnect Fees**

February Through August	\$ 40.00
September Through January	\$ 60.00

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**Returned Check Charge**

Returned Check Charge	\$ 25.00
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Issued by Tom Skains, CEO & President  
Issued to comply with the authority granted by  
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
GCRM-125

Issued: December 12, 2008  
Effective: January 1, 2009

# **SCHEDULE A**



Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
Purchased Gas Adjustment effective January 2009  
GCRM - 125

South Carolina Rate Schedules:		11/1/2008 Current <u>Billing Rates</u>	<u>Change</u>	1/1/2009 New <u>Billing Rates</u>
<b>201</b>	<b>Residential Service - Value</b>			
	Monthly Charge-winter	10.00	-	10.00
	Monthly Charge-summer	8.00	-	8.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	1.32044	(0.10216)	1.21828
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	1.27362	(0.10216)	1.17146
<b>221</b>	<b>Residential Service - Standard</b>			
	Monthly Charge-winter	10.00	-	10.00
	Monthly Charge-summer	8.00	-	8.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	1.54701	(0.10216)	1.44485
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	1.55720	(0.10216)	1.45504
<b>205</b>	<b>Outdoor Gas Light Service</b>			
	Monthly Charge	15.00	-	15.00
<b>202</b>	<b>Small General Service-Standard</b>			
	Monthly Charge	22.00	-	22.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	1.45135	(0.10216)	1.34919
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	1.41102	(0.10216)	1.30886
<b>232</b>	<b>Small General Service-Value</b>			
	Monthly Charge	22.00	-	22.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 2,000	1.38189	(0.10216)	1.27973
	Over 2,000	1.34796	(0.10216)	1.24580
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 2,000	1.27339	(0.10216)	1.17123
	Over 2,000	1.24236	(0.10216)	1.14020
<b>252</b>	<b>Medium General Service-Standard</b>			
	Monthly Charge	75.00	-	75.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	1.42354	(0.10216)	1.32138
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	1.37145	(0.10216)	1.26929
<b>262</b>	<b>Medium General Service-Value</b>			
	Monthly Charge	75.00	-	75.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 5,000	1.34295	(0.10216)	1.24079
	Over 5,000	1.30456	(0.10216)	1.20240
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 5,000	1.23867	(0.10216)	1.13651
	Over 5,000	1.21069	(0.10216)	1.10853
<b>242</b>	<b>Small General Service-Motor Fuel</b>			
	Monthly Charge	22.00	-	22.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	1.15371	(0.10216)	1.05155
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	1.16829	(0.10216)	1.06613

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South Carolina  
Rate Schedules:

	11/1/2008		1/1/2009
	Current		New
	<u>Billing Rates</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Billing Rates</u>
<b>203 Large General Sales Service</b>			
Monthly Charge	250.00	-	250.00
Billing Demand (therms)	1.90000	-	1.90000
Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
First 15,000	1.18388	(0.10216)	1.08172
Next 15,000	1.10977	(0.10216)	1.00761
Next 75,000	1.07328	(0.10216)	0.97112
Next 165,000	0.97779	(0.10216)	0.87563
Next 330,000	0.92247	(0.10216)	0.82031
Over 600,000	0.89390	(0.10216)	0.79174
Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
First 15,000	1.08068	(0.10216)	0.97852
Next 15,000	1.03220	(0.10216)	0.93004
Next 75,000	1.04752	(0.10216)	0.94536
Next 165,000	0.95922	(0.10216)	0.85706
Next 330,000	0.91747	(0.10216)	0.81531
Over 600,000	0.89390	(0.10216)	0.79174
<b>204 Interruptible Sales Service</b>			
Monthly Charge	250.00	-	250.00
Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
First 15,000	1.27666	(0.10216)	1.17450
Next 15,000	1.20620	(0.10216)	1.10404
Next 75,000	1.15727	(0.10216)	1.05511
Next 165,000	1.18609	(0.10216)	1.08393
Next 330,000	1.02091	(0.10216)	0.91875
Over 600,000	0.93390	(0.10216)	0.83174
Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
First 15,000	1.09828	(0.10216)	0.99612
Next 15,000	1.04918	(0.10216)	0.94702
Next 75,000	1.02257	(0.10216)	0.92041
Next 165,000	0.99189	(0.10216)	0.88973
Next 330,000	0.93247	(0.10216)	0.83031
Over 600,000	0.90390	(0.10216)	0.80174

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South Carolina Rate Schedules:		11/1/2008 Current <u>Billing Rates</u>	<u>Change</u>	1/1/2009 New <u>Billing Rates</u>
<b>213</b>	<b>Large General Transportation Service</b>			
	Monthly Charge	250.00	-	250.00
	Standby Demand	1.30000	-	1.30000
	Billing Demand (therms)	0.60000	-	0.60000
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 15,000	0.26281	(0.00216)	0.26065
	Next 15,000	0.19538	(0.00216)	0.19322
	Next 75,000	0.14895	(0.00216)	0.14679
	Next 165,000	0.10279	(0.00216)	0.10063
	Next 330,000	0.04747	(0.00216)	0.04531
	Over 600,000	0.01890	(0.00216)	0.01674
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 15,000	0.19406	(0.00216)	0.19190
	Next 15,000	0.14515	(0.00216)	0.14299
	Next 75,000	0.12020	(0.00216)	0.11804
	Next 165,000	0.08146	(0.00216)	0.07930
	Next 330,000	0.04247	(0.00216)	0.04031
	Over 600,000	0.01890	(0.00216)	0.01674
<b>214</b>	<b>Interruptible Transportation Service</b>			
	Monthly Charge	250.00	-	250.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 15,000	0.26155	(0.00216)	0.25939
	Next 15,000	0.19391	(0.00216)	0.19175
	Next 75,000	0.14467	(0.00216)	0.14251
	Next 165,000	0.09594	(0.00216)	0.09378
	Next 330,000	0.04859	(0.00216)	0.04643
	Over 600,000	0.01890	(0.00216)	0.01674
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 15,000	0.19236	(0.00216)	0.19020
	Next 15,000	0.14215	(0.00216)	0.13999
	Next 75,000	0.11062	(0.00216)	0.10846
	Next 165,000	0.07908	(0.00216)	0.07692
	Next 330,000	0.06282	(0.00216)	0.06066
	Over 600,000	0.01890	(0.00216)	0.01674

# **SCHEDULE B**

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
South Carolina  
Commodity Cost of Gas Calculation  
GCRM-125

	Docket 2005-125-G Settlement Approved on 10/14/2008 DT's	Proposed Benchmark Rate	Total
Sales	14,409,572	\$ 7.75	\$ 111,674,183
Transportation	5,034,026		
Total Throughput	19,443,598		
LAUF %	2.16%		
Company Use & Lost And Unacct For	419,982	\$ 7.75	\$ 3,254,858
Total Throughput			19,443,598
Calculated Rate - LAUF			0.16740
Proposed Sales Commodity Rate in DT			\$ 7.91740
Proposed Sales Commodity Rate in Therms			\$ 0.79174
Current Sales Commodity Rate in Therms			\$ 0.89390
Adjustment to Sales Commodity Rate			\$ (0.10216)
Proposed Transportation Commodity Rate Adjustment in DT			\$ 0.16740
Proposed Transportation Commodity Rate Adjustment in Therms			\$ 0.01674
Current Transportation Commodity Rate in Therms			\$ 0.01890
Adjustment to Transportation Commodity Rate			\$ (0.00216)
Current Benchmark			\$ 8.75
Proposed Benchmark			\$ 7.75
Difference			\$ (1.00)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

**VERIFICATION**

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

Pia Powers, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is Manager – Regulatory Affairs of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., that as such, she has read the foregoing Petition and knows the contents thereof; that the same are true of her own knowledge except as to those matters stated on information and belief and as to those she believes them to be true.

*Pia Powers*

Pia Powers

Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

Signed and sworn to before me this day by Pia Powers.

Date: Dec 11, 2008

*Sandra K. Hammond*

Sandra K. Hammond, Notary Public

(Official Seal)

My commission expires: 8/4/2013

